



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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July 26, 2010

Dear Valued Service Partner:

I am writing to invite you to participate in one of the regional meetings to be held in August. The meeting schedule is listed at the end of this letter. We are continuing to refine a model that we want to discuss with all of you prior to the release of the Request for Proposal (RFP). At these meetings, I will be sharing information on populations to be served, services to be included, roles and responsibilities, total dollars to be included, how data will be handled, start-up costs, etc. I look forward to getting your thoughts and insights at that time.

Our strategy, as partners, is to increase culturally competent, community capacity to ensure a consistent service array across each region of the state while working to achieve better outcomes for the children and families we serve. It is our hope, within each region, that you will come together to create a plan for providing a full continuum of care composed of community-based, culturally competent services in response to the RFP. It is up to you to decide if you will create a new business entity or if one agency will take the lead and subcontract with others. In all cases, there will be plenty of opportunity for all high-quality service providers that meet the needs of children and families in each and every community.

Data Books will be sent out by July 31. These books will contain caseload information by region, length of stay, placement settings, demographics, etc. We will also include an overview of total money spent for various services during the last calendar year.

Partners for Our Children will be contacting you in early August about the statewide assessment. This will be an online survey that will provide all of us valuable information on where services are and are not being offered, numbers of children and families being served, what specific types of care costs across regions, etc. The survey will be anonymous with no names attached. The results will be posted on POC, the Transformation Design Committee, and DSHS websites so as to be used by all participating in the RFP process.

Meeting Dates and Times:

Monday, August 2, 3-5:00 pm, Region 1

Spokane Office
SW Conference Room
1313 N. Atlantic St., Suite 2000
Spokane, WA 99201

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Thursday, August 5, 9-10:30 am, Region 2

Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health
402 South 4th Avenue
Yakima, WA 98907

Thursday, August 5, 2-4:00 pm, Region 3

840 North Broadway
Bldg. B, Suite 540
Aces Conference Room
Everett, WA 98201

Monday, August 9, 1:30-3:30 pm, Region 4

King South Office
Tahoma Conference Room
1313 W. Meeker Street #102
Kent, WA

Wednesday, August 11, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Region 6

Tumwater Office
3rd Floor DDD Large Conference Room
6860 Capitol Blvd. Fl. 3
Tumwater, WA 98504-5714

Wednesday, August 11, 3-5:00 pm, Region 5

Pierce West DCFS Field Office
Room 195, Centennial I Bldg
1949 S. State Street
Tacoma, WA 98405

I hope you are able to participate in one of the scheduled meetings.

Sincerely,

Denise Revels Robinson
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Children's Administration